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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
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Subject: Agenda Item - Street Acceptance

Executive Summary

Pursuant to City ordinance, streets shall be considered for acceptance for maintenance by the City of Durham when the streets are improved in accordance with requirements established by the City Council. The following streets have been improved to City of Durham standards:

Eno Forest – Phases A & B

- 1) Blackstone Drive – from the west curb line of Guess Road west through the cul-de-sac (1,000'), and
- 2) Scottsdale Street – from the centerline of Blackstone Drive south to the centerline of Reynolda Circle (312'), and
- 3) Reynolda Circle – from the beginning of Phase B construction at STA 24+65 east then north, then west and around and through the cul-de-sac (1,500').

Ashfield Place – Phase 5

- 1) Black Boulder Trail – from the end of previous construction @ STA 1+75.23 east through the cul-de-sac (334'), and
- 2) Brightfield Lane – from the centerline of Black Boulder Trail north through the cul-de-sac (494').

Ashfield Place – Phase 6

- 1) Lakeview Road – from the end of Phase 3 construction @ STA 9+64.11 north then east to the end of Phase 6 construction @ STA 10+61.09 (962'), and
- 2) Tall Leaf Trail – from the centerline of Lakeview Road north to the end of construction @ STA 3+10 (310').

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council accept the above named streets for maintenance by the City of Durham.

Background:

These streets are in various areas that have been developed and annexed into the City. Per the various extension agreements executed with the developers, street rights of way have been dedicated as public with the understanding that once the streets were built to City of Durham standards and as defined by the agreements, they would be accepted for maintenance by the City.

Issues and Analysis:

Past practice has dictated that the City of Durham accept streets that are part of new developments with dedicated public rights of way as defined by the extension agreements.

Alternatives:

The alternative to accepting these streets from the various developers would be to decline their requests and ask that they continue to maintain these streets under a private maintenance program.

Financial Impacts:

Accepting these streets would result in the City spending some additional annual maintenance funds. This expense would be somewhat mitigated by adding additional mileage to the annual Powell Bill listing resulting in additional State Powell Bill funds for the City.

SBDE Summary:

N/A

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